

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Mixture
 Product name : Blueshield 12
 Product code : SG-2002-02852

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the substance/mixture : Shielding gas for arc welding

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Air Liquide America Specialty Gases
 6141 Easton Rd
 Plumsteadville, PA 18949 - USA
 T 1.800.217.2688
www.airliquide.com

1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

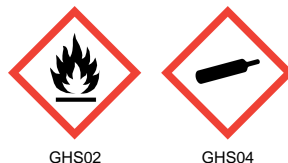
Classification (GHS-US)

Flam. Gas 1 H220
 Compressed gas H280

2.2. Label elements

GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



Signal word (GHS-US) :

Danger

Hazard statements (GHS-US) :

H220 - Extremely flammable gas
 H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
 OSHA-H01 - May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation
 CGA-HG04 - May form explosive mixtures with air
 CGA-HG08 - Burns with invisible flame

Precautionary statements (GHS-US) :

P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 P280 - Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, face protection
 P304+P340 - If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
 P313 - Get medical advice/attention
 CGA-PG05 - Use a back flow preventive device in the piping
 CGA-PG21 - Open valve slowly
 CGA-PG06 - Close valve after each use and when empty
 CGA-PG10 - Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure
 P377 - Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely
 CGA-PG14 - Approach suspected leak area with caution
 P381 - Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so
 CGA-PG02 - Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C (125°F)
 P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, open flames, sparks. - No smoking
 P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

2.3. Other hazards

No additional information available

2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS-US)

No data available

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SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substance

Not applicable

3.2. Mixture

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification (GHS-US)
Argon	(CAS No)7440-37-1	95	Compressed gas, H280
Hydrogen	(CAS No)1333-74-0	5	Flam. Gas 1, H220 Compressed gas, H280

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

- First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice.
- First-aid measures after skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- Symptoms/injuries : Symptoms similar to those listed under inhalation.
- Symptoms/injuries after inhalation : May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice.
- Symptoms/injuries after skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Symptoms/injuries after eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Symptoms/injuries after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.
- Symptoms/injuries upon intravenous administration : Not known.
- Chronic symptoms : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

If you feel unwell, seek medical advice. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water spray, foam, fog.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Fire hazard : This product is flammable. Extremely flammable gas.
- Explosion hazard : May form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture. Heat may build pressure, rupturing closed containers, spreading fire and increasing risk of burns and injuries.
- Reactivity : None known.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Firefighting instructions : In case of fire: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion. Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire.
- Protection during firefighting : Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g., Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters. Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- General measures : Ensure adequate ventilation.

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

- Protective equipment : Wear protective equipment consistent with the site emergency plan.
- Emergency procedures : Escape the danger area by the closest safe route. Close doors and windows of adjacent premises. Keep containers closed. Mark the danger area. Seal off low-lying areas. Keep upwind.

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6.1.2. For emergency responders

- Protective equipment : Standard protective clothing and equipment (e.g., Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters. Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.
- Emergency procedures : Evacuate and limit access. Ventilate area. Remove ignition sources. Monitor concentration of released product. Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering atmospheres of unknown contaminant concentration until proven to be safe.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Try to stop release if safe to do so.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- For containment : Try to stop release if safe to do so.
- Methods for cleaning up : Dispose of this material and its container in accordance with local regulations.

6.4. Reference to other sections

See also Sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Additional hazards when processed : Pressurized container: Do not pierce or burn, even after use. Handle empty containers with care because residual vapors are flammable. Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure. In use, may form flammable vapor-air mixture. Close valve after each use and when empty.
- Precautions for safe handling : Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use only non-sparking tools. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. – No smoking.
- Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- Technical measures : Comply with applicable regulations. Proper grounding procedures to avoid static electricity should be followed.
- Storage conditions : Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 52°C (125°F). Keep container closed when not in use. Protect cylinder from physical damage. Store in well ventilated area.
- Incompatible products : None known.
- Incompatible materials : Oxidizing materials. Air.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

No additional information available

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Hydrogen (1333-74-0)

Argon (7440-37-1)

8.2. Exposure controls

- Appropriate engineering controls : Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.
- Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers. 29CFR 1910.138: Hand Protection.
- Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields. 29 CFR 1910.133: Eye and Face Protection.
- Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing, e.g. - lab coats, coveralls or flame resistant clothing.
- Respiratory protection : None necessary during normal and routine operations. See sections 5 & 6.
- Thermal hazard protection : None necessary during normal and routine operations.
- Environmental exposure controls : Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.
- Other information : Wear safety shoes while handling containers. 29 CFR 1910.136: Foot Protection.

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SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Gas
Appearance	: Clear, colorless gas.
Molecular mass	: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.
Color	: Colorless
Odor	: Odorless
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1)	: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.
Melting point	: No data available
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Flammable
Vapor pressure	: Not applicable.
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Relative gas density	: Heavier than air.
Solubility	: Water: Solubility in water of component(s) of the mixture : • : 1.6 mg/l • : 61 mg/l
Log Pow	: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.
Log Kow	: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.
Viscosity, kinematic	: Not applicable.
Viscosity, dynamic	: Not applicable.
Explosive properties	: Without adequate ventilation formation of explosive mixtures may be possible.
Oxidizing properties	: None.
Explosive limits	: No data available

9.2. Other information

Additional information	: Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.
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SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

None known.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Can form explosive mixture with air.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

10.5. Incompatible materials

Air. Oxidizing materials.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

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Acute toxicity : Not classified

Hydrogen (1333-74-0)

LC50 inhalation rat (ppm) 410000 ppm/4h

Argon (7440-37-1)

LC50 inhalation rat (ppm) 410000 ppm/4h

Skin corrosion/irritation : Not classified
pH: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Serious eye damage/irritation : Not classified
pH: Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Respiratory or skin sensitization : Not classified

Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified

Carcinogenicity : Not classified

Reproductive toxicity : Not classified

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) : Not classified

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) : Not classified
No known effects from this product.

Aspiration hazard : Not classified
Not applicable for gases and gas-mixtures.

Symptoms/injuries after inhalation : May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice.

Symptoms/injuries after skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

Symptoms/injuries after eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

Symptoms/injuries after ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

Symptoms/injuries upon intravenous administration : Not known.

Chronic symptoms : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : Classification criteria are not met.

12.2. Persistence and degradability

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Persistence and degradability No data available.

Hydrogen (1333-74-0)

Persistence and degradability No ecological damage caused by this product.

Argon (7440-37-1)

Persistence and degradability No ecological damage caused by this product.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Log Pow Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Log Kow Not applicable for gas-mixtures.

Bioaccumulative potential No data available.

Hydrogen (1333-74-0)

BCF fish 1 (no bioaccumulation expected)

Log Pow Not applicable for inorganic gases.

Bioaccumulative potential No ecological damage caused by this product.

Argon (7440-37-1)

Log Pow Not applicable for inorganic gases.

Bioaccumulative potential No ecological damage caused by this product.

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12.4. Mobility in soil

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Mobility in soil	No data available.
Hydrogen (1333-74-0)	
Ecology - soil	No ecological damage caused by this product.
Argon (7440-37-1)	
Ecology - soil	No ecological damage caused by this product.

12.5. Other adverse effects

Effect on ozone layer	: None.
Effect on the global warming	: No known ecological damage caused by this product.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste treatment methods	: Contact supplier if guidance is required. Do not discharge into areas where there is a risk of forming an explosive mixture with air. Waste gas should be flared through a suitable burner with flash back arrestor. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Toxic and corrosive gases formed during combustion should be scrubbed before discharge to atmosphere. Ensure that the emission levels from local regulations or operating permits are not exceeded.
Waste disposal recommendations	: Refer to the CGA Pamphlet P-63 "Disposal of Gases" available at www.cganet.com for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with DOT	
Transport document description	: UN1954 Compressed gas, flammable, n.o.s.
UN-No.(DOT)	: 1954
DOT NA no.	: UN1954
Proper Shipping Name (DOT)	: Compressed gas, flammable, n.o.s.
Hazard labels (DOT)	: 2.1 - Flammable gas



DOT Symbols	: G - Identifies PSN requiring a technical name
DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 306
DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 302;305
DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 314;315
DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27)	: Forbidden
DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75)	: 150 kg
DOT Vessel Stowage Location	: D - The material must be stowed "on deck only" on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel carrying a number of passengers limited to not more than the larger of 25 passengers or one passenger per each 3 m of overall vessel length, but the material is prohibited on passenger vessels in which the limiting number of passengers is exceeded.
DOT Vessel Stowage Other	: 40 - Stow "clear of living quarters"

Additional information

Other information	: No supplementary information available.
Special transport precautions	: Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency. Before transporting product containers: - Ensure there is adequate ventilation. - Ensure that containers are firmly secured. - Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking. - Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted. - Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

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ADR

Transport document description : UN 1954, 2, (B/D)
Class (ADR) : 2 - Gases
Hazard identification number (Kemler No.) : 23
Classification code (ADR) : 1F
Orange plates :



Tunnel restriction code (ADR) : B/D
LQ : 0
Excepted quantities (ADR) : E0

Transport by sea

UN-No. (IMDG) : 1954
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.
Class (IMDG) : 2 - Gases

Air transport

UN-No.(IATA) : 1954
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : COMPRESSED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.
Class (IATA) : 2

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. US Federal regulations

No additional information available

15.2. International regulations

CANADA

Hydrogen (1333-74-0)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

WHMIS Classification	Class A - Compressed Gas Class B Division 1 - Flammable Gas
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Argon (7440-37-1)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

WHMIS Classification	Class A - Compressed Gas
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EU-Regulations

No additional information available

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Not classified

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC [DSD] or 1999/45/EC [DPD]

15.2.2. National regulations

No additional information available

15.3. US State regulations

Hydrogen (1333-74-0)

U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List
U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List
U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

Argon (7440-37-1)

U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List
U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List

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Argon (7440-37-1)

U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

SECTION 16: Other information

Indication of changes : Revised safety data sheet in accordance with OSHA final rule on GHS implementation promulgated March 26, 2012.

Other information :
: This Safety Data Sheet is offered pursuant to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR, 1910.1200. Other government regulations must be reviewed for applicability to this product.

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16:

Compressed gas	Gases under pressure Compressed gas
Flam. Gas 1	Flammable gases Category 1
H220	Extremely flammable gas
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated

SDS US (GHS HazCom 2012)

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